

MINUTES OF THE DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
April 2, 2009

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. on April 2, 2009 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Eddie Bryan, Ana Escobar, Lynn Greer, Patricia Heim, and A. J. Starling were present. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Ray Barrett; and staff members Joan Nixon, Patricia Novotny, Lionel Barrett, Betty Gilbert, and Kelley Harrison. Also present were Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law along with Mark Goins and Beth Henry-Robertson of the Tennessee Division of Elections.

Chairman Eddie Bryan convened the meeting.

Words of Thanks and Introductions: Chairman Bryan extended his and the full Commission's thanks to Commissioner Escobar for her two terms of service with the DCEC and yielded the floor to Commissioner Escobar. Commissioner Escobar offered words of gratitude to all the DCEC Commissioners and staff for their consistent support and efforts to assist her in fulfilling her duties as an Election Commissioner.

Chairman Bryan then recognized and introduced Steve Abernathy who had been nominated to serve along with Commissioners Greer and Heim by the Republican legislators in the Davidson County Delegation. He also recognized and introduced Mark Goins, the newly appointed Coordinator of Elections for Tennessee as well as Beth Henry-Robertson, Deputy Coordinator.

Approve January 30, 2009 Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Greer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2009 meeting as presented. Commissioner Escobar seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Certify March 26, 2009 Council District 18 Special Election Results: The Commissioners reviewed the results of the March 26, 2009 Council District 18 Special Election reflecting that no candidate received the necessary vote total to win outright and thereby avoid a run-off. Candidates Stephanie Dodson and Kristine LaLonde received the highest votes totals and will appear on the April 30, 2009 Run-Off election ballot. Commissioner Greer made a motion to certify the election results as presented. Commissioner Escobar seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Approve Election Day Workers for April 30, 2009 Council District 18 Run-Off Election: The Commissioners reviewed the list of workers to serve in the five (5) precincts of Council District 18 on April 30 for the purpose of filling a vacancy in that Council District. Commissioner Greer made a motion to approve the workers as presented. Commissioner Escobar seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Approve Early Voting Schedule for Council District 18 Run-Off Election: AOE Barrett recommended the DCEC open one (1) early voting location at the DCEC office from Friday, April 10 – Saturday, April 25 with weekday hours of 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM and Saturday hours of 9:00 AM – Noon (no voting scheduled for any Sundays). Commissioner Greer made a motion to approve the early voting schedule as recommended by AOE Barrett. Commissioner Escobar seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Call City of Lakewood Election for July 7, 2009: The Commissioners reviewed a letter from the City of Lakewood requesting an election be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 for the purpose of electing three (3) Commissioners. Commissioner Escobar made a motion to set July 7, 2009 as the date for the City of Lakewood election to be held from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Lakewood City Hall. Commissioner Greer seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. AOE Barrett indicated that all early voting would be held only at the DCEC office unless the City of Lakewood is willing to pay the additional expense associated with offering early voting at the Lakewood City Hall in lieu of the DCEC office. Commissioner Heim requested that AOE Barrett confirm the intent of the City so that Commissioners can approve an early voting schedule for this election as soon as possible.

Lock Ballot Boxes for April 30, 2009 Election: Commissioners Greer and Starling reported they will complete this task following the end of the current meeting.

Administrator's Report: AOE Barrett presented to Commissioner Escobar a gift from the DCEC recognizing her service as an Election Commissioner.

Unfinished Business: Commissioner Heim requested a follow-up on the status of the audit engagement of Deloitte & Touche for future elections. Finance Officer, Patricia Novotny, indicated she did not yet have any information concerning the terms of any current contract or the process for securing bids for the service. She indicated she would discuss the matter with Metro Purchasing and report back to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

New Business: Coordinator Goins indicated that he will send all Commissioner Oaths of Office to AOE Barrett for individual Commissioners to sign in accordance with T.C.A. § 2-12-104.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for 3:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2009 for the purpose of organizing the Commission (T.C.A. § 2-12-105) following the appointment of County Election Commissioners by the State Election Commission on April 6, 2009 and to conduct other business of the DCEC.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Eddie Bryan, Chairman

Ana Escobar, Member

A. J. Starling, Member

Patricia Heim, Secretary

Lynn Greer, Member